

The Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund, established in the CARES Act, provides states with emergency assistance as a result of the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

In partnership with the Governor's office, the Cabinet for Health and Family Service's Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (DFRYSC) is seeking applications from local Family Resource or Youth Services Centers (FRYSCs) to provide and coordinate specific services and assistance related to the student and family needs associated with this emergency.

FRYSCs may apply for funds to support their ability to continue providing educational services to students and their families and to support the "on-going functionality" of centers in response to the COVID-19 emergency in the following areas:

1. **Early childhood education-** FRYSCs will provide an integrated approach to home visits, education, and monitoring of child development for new and expectant parents.
  - o Example activities: Provide educational home visits; Facilitate parenting knowledge and parent networking by providing caregiver, or caregiver-child groups.
2. **Childcare:** Full time preschool child care for children two (2) and three (3) years of age. FRYSCs will identify, coordinate, and/or develop resources and support for child care.
  - o Example activities: Provide access to developmental, vision, and hearing screenings; Connect families with childcare and early childhood learning opportunities during critical early years of development.
3. **Family Crisis and Mental Health Counseling:** FRYSCs will increase self-management and coping strategies by assisting students and families with mental health needs and/or other crises through the identification and coordination of services for various challenges (e.g., grief, illness, bullying, incarceration, dating/domestic violence, loss of income, trauma, isolation, anxiety)
  - o Example activities: Coordinate Youth Mental Health First Aid training for staff; connect students with necessary mental health services by contracting with mental health providers, develop Sources of Strength peer lead suicide and violence prevention program.

Grants of \$100,000 will be awarded to approximately 150 applicants across the state. Applicants will submit a two year plan for grant activities to be completed by September 30, 2023.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

- Single centers
- A consortium of centers within the same school district. If multiple centers apply, a single point of contact must be identified.

**Each \$100,000 award will be considered a separate application.**